Identification of Backward Districts

2432. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some backward districts have been identified;

(b) if so, State-wise, details thereof and the names of such districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated for development of the backward districts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof together with financial allocation for development of those district in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (d) Planning and development of an area and allocation funds for the purpose is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. Planning Commission has not identified any district as backward per se. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments, including Andhra Pradesh, in the development of backward areas through appropriate weightage for backwardness in the formula used for distribution of Normal Central Assistance. Further, Special Central Assistance is also allocated to the Government of Andhra Pradesh under Tribal Sub Plan.

Gross Domestic Product

†2433. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gross Domestic Product of the country has continuously increased over the last years;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.